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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN: AD PLATFORM

REF: CARACAS 9634

1. AD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ DELIVERED A MAJOR ADDRESS IN BARQUISIMETO NOVEMBER 17, HIGHLIGHTING THE MAIN POINTS OF HIS PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC THE SAME DAY. EMBASSY IS POUCHING COPIES TO ARA/NC. ITEMS IN PEREZ'S SPEECH AND PLATFORM OF SPECIAL USG INTEREST FOLLOW:

(A) PETROLEUM - THE PLATFORM PROPOSES TO "UNDERTAKE WITH THE REQUIRED URGENCY STUDIES TO ADVANCE THE REVERSION OF ALL PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS." IT PROPOSES THE EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE NEW PETROLEUM-PRODUCING AREAS, INCLUDING THE ORINOCO PETROLIFEROUS BELT, WHICH WILL "PERMIT THE COUNTRY TO INITIATE ITS NATIONAL EXPLOITATION WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT TO OUR OWN INTERESTS."

(B) FOREIGN INVESTMENT - IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DELINEATE THE AREAS OF THE ECONOMY OPEN TO FOREIGN, MIXED,
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AND LOCAL INVESTMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE ANDEAN PACT

AND OTHER INTERAMERICAN CRITERIA.

(C) POPULATION - "A PROGRAM OF FAMILY PLANNING WILL BE CARRIED OUT... WHICH WILL LEAD TO VOLUNTARY FAMILY PLANNING."

(D) INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - VENEZUELA'S FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG PEOPLES, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER. AN ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

2. COMMENT: THE PLATFORM IS NOTABLE FOR ITS EMPHASIS ON DOMESTIC "BREAD AND BUTTER" ISSUES, SUCH AS THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT, TAX REFORM, AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. ON ISSUES WHICH AFFECT IMPORTANT U.S. INTERESTS, THE PLATFORM, LIKE THAT OF COPEI, ABOUNDS IN GENERALIZATIONS, BUT REFLECTS AN ECONOMIC NATIONALISM WHICH BOTH MAJOR PARTIES HAVE LONG ADVOCATED. THE MOST CLEAR-CUT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AD AND COPEI ON A MAJOR ISSUE APPEARS TO BE IN THE AREA OF FAMILY PLANNING, WHICH AD FAVORS AND COPEI IGNORES IN ITS PLATFORM.

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